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Weather Indications.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Forecast till 8 p. m. Sunday: For Kansas—Fair; colder tonight and eastern portion Sunday; northwesterly winds.

THIRTY-SIX thousand are the figures that represent departures from Abilene every day—eggs, not people.

A MANHATTAN paper announces that it has three candidates for Coxey's army who are affected with rum, rheumatism and rebellion.

THAT the Democratic party is one of economy and progress is fully established by history.—Manhattan Mercury.

And then everybody gave the horse laugh.

TAKING headers from a bicycle isn't nearly as dangerous as equestrianism. Of the fifteen patients in the army hospital at Ft. Riley, ten are victims of riding hall accidents.

THE Populists are not advocating the sub-treasury plan "or something better" this year, but many of them have made up their minds that they are going to try something better, viz.—voting the Republican ticket.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Lease speaks of Mrs. Lease as "the old woman." This conveys a world of information in regard to the social scale in which the Lease family has been accustomed to move.

ABILENE Reflector: There is a good deal of humor in the Wilson bill. Take the item of skeletons, for example. They are on the free list, being regarded as necessities. Obviously, no one can get along without a skeleton. To the poor man it is even more essential than to the rich man, inasmuch as the former is compelled to work for his living, while the latter, if boned like a turkey, might still repose comfortably on a fauteuil and be fed by his valet. About 1500 skeletons are imported into this country every year, nearly all of them from Paris, where the art of preparing such osseous remains is understood better than anywhere else in the world. They cost \$40 each, but one can buy a nice skull for \$6.

CHICAGO HERALD: The country has escaped a great calamity. The receivers of the Union Pacific road have reconsidered their determination to resign because of the criticism to which they were subjected by Judge Caldwell. They feel hurt and indignant, of course. They consider that they would have been perfectly justified in withdrawing their support from the Union Pacific road and allowing the whole country west of the Missouri river to plunge into the depths of dark despair. But they feel, too, that the inhabitants of that district should not be made to suffer for the perverse and contumacious conduct of Judge Caldwell. Therefore they will continue to perform the duties of receivership, which seem to consist chiefly in a strict and rigorous attendance at the cashier's office on salary day, and a perpetual nagging interference with any one in their employ who knows anything about the railroad business. The receivers will stick to their posts as long as there is a cent in sight. They will return good for evil.

IN SPITE of the fact that Congressman Baker of the Sixth congressional district dropped 6,000 of the votes he got in the election of 1890 in the election following it, there are a lot of Populists who think they would like as good a chance of risking defeat as Baker. Baker was elected by 8,000 majority over Webb McFall in 1890; in 1892 his majority over Pestana was only 1,400. This gives Republicans great hopes of carrying the district this fall and the following are the candidates already mentioned on the list: Dick Pickler of Smith, H. H. Ellis of Mitchell, L. A. Thompson of Norton, H. L. Pestana of Russell, James H. Reeder of Ellis, W. A. White of Jewell, W. S. Tilton of Osborne, Chauncey Lewis of Phillips, E. B. Ingerson of Cheyenne, E. J. Donnell and M. C. Reville of Rock. On the other hand the Populists have considerable faith in carrying the district for their party for there is a big list of them who would like to run instead of Baker. They are J. P. Vandevanter and Charles Moody of Jewell, A. S. McCormick of Phillips, W. D. Street of Decatur, L. B. Montgomery of Sher-

man, K. E. Wilcockson of Thomas, Harry Gray of Osborn, County Attorney Hicks of Mitchell, A. N. Whittington of Lincoln, E. D. Wheeler of Trego, and last but not least Secretary of State Osborne. The district is composed of 22 counties and there is more than one candidate to the county.

THE Lawrence Gazette contains the following very pretty story about Noble Prentiss. The writer was in Lawrence at the time and the story is substantially true:

Rev. E. P. Hammond's visit to Lawrence yesterday after 21 years, brought to the minds of many old citizens several incidents of his evangelistic work here. It is said that Noble Prentiss who was at that time connected with the Lawrence Journal attended those meetings to report them.

A little girl who has grown to womanhood and still resides in Lawrence met him one day as he was going out of the aisle and asked Mr. Prentiss, "Do you love Jesus?"

He tried to brush past her saying, "I came here to report these meetings and not to answer questions."

"But why don't you love Jesus," she again asked. "He loved you and died on the cross to save you. Why don't you love him?"

When Mr. Prentiss went home to write his report he found the words of that child still ringing in his ears, "Why do you not love Jesus?"

He went to the meeting next day and stood up at the morning session and asked the Christians to pray for him. They did so and from that time on Mr. Prentiss became an earnest Christian.

He went with Rev. Mr. Hammond to Topeka, Ft. Scott and Atchison, and told the story of his conversion in a manner that moved many hearts. Since that time he has become associate editor of the Kansas City Star, and a frequent contributor to New York papers.

KANSAS PARAGRAPHS.

The K. U. faculty base ball team ought to get Prof. Blake to put in an electric battery.

Burglars at Fort Scott robbed a meat market. It was only a way they had of making a steak.

Alma citizens claim that they heard the report of cannons fired at Ft. Riley in honor of Secretary Lamont's visit.

A rise of five feet in the Missouri river is reported up north which is expected to reach Leavenworth within a week.

Just to appear like a city the whole police force of Girard, consisting of one man, has been ordered to close up the gambling houses—if there are any.

The new postmaster at Fort Scott is a banker. Thus has Cleveland endeared himself to the farmers who plow around among the rocks of Bourbon county.

Atchison Globe: An Atchison father who has five sons who are all a credit to him, is said to be worrying himself sick because one of the sons is interested in singing.

A bicyclist was arrested in Lawrence for riding on the sidewalk. Pretty soon the officers will want to deprive the poor bicyclists the privilege of humping up like a hunchback.

A tramp who was arrested at Arkansas City is said to have had \$23 on his person. If this is true who can tell if Coxey's army may not be simply an organization of plutocrats?

The Emporia liveryman who had a team killed by the fast driving of a couple of young men, to prevent such occurrences in the future, should provide a young lady for every buggy.

It is understood that the excursion from Hutchinson to Kingman over the Hutchinson & Southern will start two days early in order to give plenty of time for taking down fences along the road.

The story that some of the women teachers in the Wichita schools gave \$100 for their places doesn't sound reasonable. They might have offered some old dresses or something of that kind, but women don't give money away.

The ice cream soda combine at Emporia has reduced the price of that article to three glasses for a quarter. Every young man now has two girls simply to "get into" the dealers, and the young ladies quarrel about who is the five cent girl.

Fort Leavenworth is experiencing a mad dog scare. A mad dog bit the Missouri Pacific ticket agent, three children, and a number of other dogs. The agent left for New York to take the Pasteur cure. The Fort is being patrolled and all dogs running at large are shot.

McPherson Republican: During the trial of Pleas Brown for robbery, it was necessary for the jury to visit the house in the north part of town where the assault on J. F. Peterson took place. As the twelve men were nearing the place with decorous march, a number of children who had heard considerable of the "commonweal" concluded that Coxey's army had come and began to spread the alarm.

IT GOES TO EMPORIA.

The Next Meeting of the Kansas Academy of Language and Literature.

The annual meeting of the Kansas Academy of Language and Literature is at an end. Bishop J. H. Vincent delivered a most interesting lecture last evening on "Out of School Culture," which was a fitting end to this most successful meeting of the Academy.

The Academy will meet at Emporia in 1895. The following were the officers elected for the ensuing year: Prof. Arthur G. Canfield, Lawrence, president; Mrs. Mary Humphreys, Junction City, vice president; Miss Florence L. Snow, Neosho Falls, secretary; Mr. B. W. Woodward, Lawrence, treasurer.

Supper was served to the members last evening at the College Library building. The meetings have been most interesting and instructive.

KANSAS PATENTS.

Patents granted to citizens of Kansas for the week ending April 10, 1894, reported through the office of J. F. Beale, solicitor of patents, 606 F street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

BENJAMIN R. TILLMAN

A PERSONAL SKETCH OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S GOVERNOR.

His Intellectual Characteristics as Portrayed by a Friend—Concited, Brilliant, Domestic, Affectionate and Honest—His Family and Life as a Farmer.

[Special Correspondence.]

CHARLESTON, April 12.—Benjamin R. Tillman, by the grace of a rather strong intellect, a quick and eloquent tongue and a majority of the votes of the white citizens of this war battered, cyclone stricken state—governor of the commonwealth of South Carolina, is perhaps without exception the most misunderstood as he is the most unique political figure of the day.

His Respect For The Law.

Most persons, from reading biased reports of Tillman's doings sent out by his political enemies, have come to regard Ben Tillman as a sort of second degree anarchist, a trampler upon laws and a man who believes that there should be but one law, and that one Tillman. I have been thrown with the man a good deal, and while I am inclined to think that he would not object to the last condition suggested in this statement, I can say, without qualification, that I have never met any one who has a greater respect for the written laws, just or unjust, than this same alleged statute violator. If the legislature puts an unwise law upon the books, Tillman will enforce it rigidly as long as it is permitted to remain there. If the law happens to be one of his hobbies, he will derive greater pleasure from seeing it obeyed, but even if it were a measure passed over his veto he would look after its execution as conscientiously as though it were adopted at his suggestion.

Tillman is generally regarded as what is known hereabouts as a "country cracker." This characterization may be true in one sense, but not in the generally accepted one, for his blood ought to be a deep indigo blue, if lineage has anything to do with its color. The gov-

ernor of South Carolina comes of one of the proverbial "best families" of the state. They have for several generations been men of some note. Ben's brother George was for seven or eight terms the representative in congress of our Second district, and, strange to say, while he was in sympathy with the movement which swept his kinsman into office, it was the cause of his own political downfall. He would not accept all of the Ocala platform and accordingly suffered politically the same fate as Buckingham did physically. George is a shrewd political observer and is the only man in South Carolina who, in my opinion, could really "make it warm" on the stump for his brother Ben.



GOVERNOR TILLMAN.

His Personal Appearance.

The personal appearance of Ben Tillman is striking. Although he would not himself lay the slightest claim to physical beauty, either of face or figure, he is a man who would attract attention in a crowd, even if he wore jeans and a slouch hat. His one eye is as piercing as an eagle's, and it never for a moment is removed from the face of the person whom its owner may be addressing. He has a rather good forehead and an excellent nose, but it is the lower part of the face which is marked equally by great force of character and homeliness.

Look at that mouth, with the lips thin below, but thickening slightly where they meet! They indicate the unconquerable determination—some might call it stubbornness—of the man who has for nearly four years stood without flinching under almost daily scorchings in the editorial, local and news columns of the principal papers of the state. His mustache grows unevenly, far from luxuriantly, and is again typical of its owner in that it makes no effort to look pretty, as most mustaches do by curling up more or less gracefully at the ends. No one can regard Tillman's profile from the chin to the eyes without being impressed with the fact that it belongs to a man who will not only plan, but execute.

Supreme Self Confidence.

If I were asked to name the predominant trait of Tillman's character I should unhesitatingly answer, "Confidence in himself." It is so unequivocal, so sublimely sincere, that it impresses even those who indulge in a quiet little laugh over it afterward. To this almost as much as to his quick wit and eloquent tongue was due his original election to the governorship in 1890 and his re-election in 1892. Not that Tillman is not a brainy man, not that he is not in many respects a great man, but he is neither as brainy nor as great as he thinks he is. That would be impossible. It would involve admitting that Tillman has concentrated in his body the military genius of Napoleon, the eloquence of Cicero, the unselfish patriotism of Cincinnati, the analytical powers of Alexander Hamilton, the quiet foresight of Thomas Jefferson, the sturdy determination of Andrew Jackson, the personal magnetism of James G. Blaine and the detective ability of Vidocq. Naturally he is not all this, but he possesses more of these qualities

than any but those who have known him well would believe.

Victory Snatched From Defeat.

At the convention of farmers held in Columbia March 13, 1890, Tillman was "suggested" as a candidate for governor by a bare majority. As the gathering had assembled pursuant to a call issued really in his behalf, the result of a manifesto which was popularly supposed to have been written by Tillman, the result was discouraging in the extreme, especially as the victory was only achieved by means of frantic appeals on the part of Delegate (now United States Senator) Irby to friends to change their votes.

Most men would have given up in despair, staggered by the apparent hopelessness of the cause. Not so, however, with Tillman. He stood before that crowd, at least one-half of which he realized fully was not in sympathy with the sentiments he was about to enunciate, and after sweeping the hall from end to end with a series of slow, measured glances he said that he would "beat the fight," or words to that effect. He had also said, with as much seriousness as though he had been the unanimous choice of the convention, "I am the only man in this farmers' movement, with the brains, who also has the courage to lead you on to victory." Nobody believed this at the time except Tillman. He could not bring himself to see how any one could doubt it. He was laughed at for the remark, but he did win, and very easily at that.

Tillman's Family.

Tillman is a very domestic man. He is an affectionate husband and a considerate father. His eldest daughter is a very good looking young lady, and his namesake, who is known to the family circle as "B. R.," is a bright lad. Mrs. Tillman is the very opposite of her husband. She is a quiet woman and seems scarcely old enough to be the mother of a grownup girl. She has the most ardent admiration for her husband's abilities, and when the campaign of 1890 resulted in his election to the governorship she was not in the least surprised. She had confidently expected it from the beginning.

Tillman, while he was a private citizen, lived on a farm near Ropers, about 10 miles from Edgefield. He had a fine vineyard and a herd of grade Jerseys, the butter from which had something of a reputation among the grocers of Augusta, where Mr. and Mrs. Tillman were wont to go to do their trading. The house in which they then lived was a rough one story affair situated on a knoll and looking down upon a large meadow. It was devoid of lath and plaster, and its furnishings were simple, even primitive, but withal the Tillmans were ideal hosts, who possessed the happy faculty of making guests feel thoroughly at home. In that humble abode were the papers written and the plans laid which overturned the existing order of things in this state, made a common farmer governor and J. L. M. Irby, almost an unknown man, the successor in the United States senate of the once universally idolized Wade Hampton.

ARTHUR WARDEN.

VALUABLE COUGAR.

A Court of Justice Considered It Worth \$2,000.

[Special Correspondence.]

TAOS, N. M., April 12.—Mr. L. K. Herlow of this place had until recently a pet cougar, which proved to be about the most valuable cougar that ever was heard of. He captured the animal when it was a tiny kitten and had barely opened its eyes upon the world. He carried it home, brought it up by hand, and the little thing soon grew to be very fond of him. It would follow him about like a pet dog, lie in his lap asleep by the hour, or frisk all over him if he encouraged its gambols. As it grew older and stronger he would take it with him on long trips he was accustomed to make in a wagon, and Wiggins, the poetic name by which the cougar was known, appeared to enjoy these trips immensely.

He would trot along behind or under the wagon like a watchdog for hours, and when he grew tired he would run to the front end of the wagon, make one leap and land on the top of the cover, where he would lie in the sun and peer contentedly over the edge of the cover at Mr. Herlow as he sat in the front driving, or he would jump down into the bottom of the wagon and lie asleep at his master's feet.

Wiggins was woe unto dogs that attacked him or came meddling around the wagon. He pretended not to notice them until they came within easy reach, when one scientific blow of his strong fore paw invariably left them dead in their tracks. When Mr. Herlow was away from the wagon, he would leave Wiggins chained beneath it, and Wiggins took as good care of things as if he had been a bulldog and a man with a Winchester rifle all in one. With Herlow's horses and mules the cougar was on exceedingly amiable terms. They understood each other perfectly.

But finally Wiggins came to an untimely end. Mr. Herlow had had him for two years or more, and he had become a full grown, strong and beautiful creature when his master left him one day recently chained under the wagon as usual. Two valuable hounds belonging to a young Englishman in the neighborhood who hunts a great deal and spends much money for dogs came ranging over the fields, scented the cougar under the wagon by the roadside and tackled him. The baying and yowling that ensued reached the ears of the Englishman, who hurried to the scene of battle to find his two most valuable hounds lying dead beside the wagon and a chained cougar sitting there with the light of victory in his eyes. The Englishman was so enraged that he shot and killed Wiggins on the spot. A moment later Mr. Herlow came back, and then "there was language." Herlow sued the Englishman for \$2,000 damages, and the suit was decided in his favor, the jury giving him every cent he claimed.

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